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In re Application of: )  
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**Rainer MÜLLER et al.** ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
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Application No.: 10/798,442 ) Examiner: Venkat, Jyothsna A.  
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For: CLEANSING COSMETIC )  
COMPOSITIONS AND USE )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application in view of the following Remarks.

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 14-37 are pending. No amendments have been made in this Reply.

**II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

The Examiner rejects claims 14-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,143,286 to Bhambhani et al. ("the '286 patent"). Office Action, page 2. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the '286 patent teaches compositions, detergent base, and liquid esters including isostearyl neopentanoate and